

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Board Chairman Henry Schwartz. All Board members, Doug Dodd, Edith Mastne, Jim Mastne and Joe Riehl, were present. Also present were John Huffman of BMI, Alan Smart from the USFS, Brent Younker, Kathy Hubbard, Supt. Vance Hubbard and District Clerk Carol Quinn.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved as printed.

Mr. Huffman reported results thus far of the Cross-connection Program which BMI has contracted to do. Letters with questionnaires were sent to 1005 homes with 403 responses. There were 116 letters sent to homes that reported possible hazards that would require backflow prevention. Inspections have been completed at 51 of those homes and another 37 attempts have been made. Costs have escalated due to the rural nature of the district since it takes longer to go from home to home. The Board suggested that appointments be made rather than just hoping to catch someone home. Mr. Huffman will submit a new proposal for the Board to review.

Mr. Younker asked the Board to consider snowmobile patrol in the watershed. The Board responded that they had advocated closing the watershed to motorized vehicles by the public and thus did not believe that snowmobiles would enhance the water quality or quantity.

Mr. Mastne proposed another meeting to discuss updating the rules and regulations for the district. Mr. Dodd moved that a workshop meeting be set up for January 25 at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Riehl seconded. Passed. The backflow program could be included in the new regulations.

Alan Smart advised the Board that he was very disappointed that the Board had sent the letter to Sen. Wyden advocating prohibiting all commercial logging on federal lands within the Gordon Creek Watershed without first discussing such a position with the FS. While the Clinton forest plan would continue to provide special emphasis watershed protection to the area, this prohibition does not take into consideration the extreme fire danger that could result from catastrophic events such as wind. Under this logging prohibition there would be no funds to clean-up allowing debris to accumulate providing fuel for fire. Mr. Smart asked that the FS be allowed to present their view before major decisions by the Board be made that would have effect on the management of public lands they administer. The FS position is to manage these lands as an eco system rather than simply extracting resources. Mr. Smart advised the Board that the appeal of their decision to close the watershed to motorized vehicles including snowmobiles has not been finished. Possibly after next Board meeting, the MOU discussion may begin again as the appeal should be completed by then. Mr. Smart submitted sample information from storm runoff tests. Cascade Earth Sciences is continuing to test and study the clean-up site. They are in contact with DEQ. A proposal to complete the site assessment should be ready at the end of the week. The next step after that is to propose cleanup.

The Board considered leak adjustments for Mike Grover. Mr. Mastne moved to adjust his bill to average. Mr. Riehl seconded. Passed. Mr. Hubbard notified the Board that Mr. Harris had a leak at his meter after a car crashed at the site. He fixed it and one on our side of the meter as well he said. Mr. Hubbard recommended his bill be adjusted to 10,000 gallons. Mr. Dodd so moved. Mr. Mastne seconded. Passed. Delbert Riehl

requested an adjustment on his property occupied by Louise Wand. He had a leak which was fixed upon notification. Mr. Dodd moved the bill be adjusted to average. Mr. Mastne seconded. Passed.

Mr. Mastne suggested discussing a rate increase to pay for projected capital improvements involving the south fork water line and construction of a new reservoir. It was decided to discuss rates at the workshop dealing with the rules and regulations.

A letter from District lawyer Tom McPherson concerning condemnation procedures was submitted to the Board. The Board went into Executive Session at that time to discuss the letter. Executive Session was closed at 10:10 p.m. At that time the regular meeting was resumed. Mr. Riehl moved that the District contact Mr. McPherson to write a letter to Frank Lumber asking them to negotiate a right-of-way easement for the pipeline from the south fork of Grodon Creek across their land. Mr. Dodd seconded. Passed. Mr. Mastne notified the Board that he had talked to Mr. Sam Caliva of BLM regarding the feasibility of a land swap between BLM and Frank Lumber should Frank Lumber refuse to negotiate the easement. The BLM would consider such a swap. Mr. McPherson will be so advised and will pursue this option should negotiations fail.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 p.m.